IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A computer implemented method for tracking activities running in parallel in a data processing system, comprising the steps of:

maintaining an ordered list of activities running in the system;

whenever a new activity begins, inserting the new activity at a top of the list;

whenever an activity in the ordered list completes, removing the completed activity from the ordered list; and

displaying the activity that is at the top of the list.

2. (currently amended) The computer implemented method as recited in claim 1, wherein the displaying step displays a code pertaining to the latest-started activity that has not completed.

3. (currently amended) The computer implemented method as recited in claim 1, wherein the activities are configurations of devices attached to the data processing system.

4. (cancelled)

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9. (original) A data processing system comprising:

circuitry for maintaining an ordered list of activities running in the system;

whenever a new activity begins, circuitry for inserting the new activity at a top of the list;

whenever an activity in the ordered list completes, circuitry for removing the completed activity from the ordered list; and

circuitry for displaying the activity that is at the top of the list.

10. (original) The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the displaying circuitry displays a code pertaining to the latest-started activity that has not completed.

11. (original) The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the activities are configurations of devices attached to the data processing system.

12. (original) The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the displaying circuitry further comprises:

circuitry for determining if an activity that has completed is currently being displayed; and

if the activity that has completed is currently being displayed, circuitry for displaying an activity that had previously been displayed.

13. (original) A computer program product adaptable for storage on a computer readable medium, comprising a computer program operable for performing the following steps:

maintaining an ordered list of activities running in a data processing system;

whenever a new activity begins, inserting the new activity at a top of the list;

whenever an activity in the ordered list completes, removing the completed activity from the ordered list; and

displaying the activity that is at the top of the list.

14. (original) The program as recited in claim 13, wherein the displaying step displays a code pertaining to the latest-started activity that has not completed.

15. (original) The program as recited in claim 13, wherein the activities are configurations of devices attached to the data processing system.

16. (original) The program as recited in claim 13, wherein the displaying step further comprises the steps of:

determining if an activity that has completed is currently being displayed; and

if the activity that has completed is currently being displayed, displaying an activity that had previously been displayed.

17. (previously presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein only the activity at the top of the list is displayed.

18. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 10, wherein only the activity at the top of the list is displayed.

19. (previously presented) The program as recited in claim 14, wherein only the activity at the top of the list is displayed.

20. (previously presented) A method for tracking activities on a single entry display device running in parallel in a data processing system, comprising the steps of:

maintaining an ordered list of activities automatically running in the system;

whenever a new activity begins, inserting the new activity at the top of the list;

whenever an activity in the ordered list automatically completes, removing the completed activity from the ordered list; and

displaying on the single entry display device only the activity at the top of the list.

21. (currently amended) A computer implemented method for tracking activities running in parallel in a data processing system, comprising the steps of:

determining if a new activity has started in the system;

if a new activity has started in the system, displaying an identity of the new activity;

determining if any activity running in the system has completed;

if an activity has completed, removing that activity from a list of activities to be displayed;

determining if the activity removed from the list is currently displayed; and

if the activity to be removed is currently displayed, displaying an activity not completed that has previously been displayed, wherein only one activity is displayed at a time.

22. (new) A data processing system for tracking activities running in parallel in the data processing system, comprising:

circuitry for determining if a new activity has started in the system;

if a new activity has started in the system, circuitry for displaying an identity of the new activity;

circuitry for determining if any activity running in the system has completed;

if an activity has completed, circuitry for removing that activity from a list of activities to be displayed;

circuitry for determining if the activity removed from the list has its identity currently displayed; and

if the activity to be removed has its identity currently displayed, circuitry for displaying an identity of an activity not completed that has previously been displayed, wherein an identity of only one activity is displayed at a time.

23. (new) The computer implemented method as recited in claim 1, wherein the activities running in the system are AIX boot processes.

24. (new) The computer implemented method as recited in claim 23, wherein the AIX boot processes further comprise configuration methods for configuring devices attached to the system.

25. (new) The computer implemented method as recited in claim 1, wherein only one activity is displayed at a time.

26. (new) The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the activities running in the system are AIX boot processes.

27. (new) The system as recited in claim 26, wherein the AIX boot processes further comprise configuration methods for configuring devices attached to the system.

28. (new) The system as recited in claim 9, wherein only one activity is displayed at a time.

29. (new) The program as recited in claim 13, wherein the activities running in the system are AIX boot processes.

30. (new) The program as recited in claim 29, wherein the AIX boot processes further comprise configuration methods for configuring devices attached to the system.

31. (new) The program as recited in claim 13, wherein only one activity is displayed at a time.

32. (new) The method as recited in claims 20, wherein the activities running in the system are AIX boot processes.

33. (new) The method as recited in claim 32, wherein the AIX boot processes further comprise configuration methods for configuring devices attached to the system.

34. (new) The computer implemented method as recited in claim 21, wherein the activities running in the system are AIX boot processes.

35. (new) The computer implemented method as recited in claim 34, wherein the AIX boot processes further comprise configuration methods for configuring devices attached to the system.

36. (new) The system as recited in claim 22, wherein the activities running in the system are AIX boot processes.

37. (new) The system as recited in claim 36, wherein the AIX boot processes further comprise configuration methods for configuring devices attached to the system.